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CABINET OF THE UNITED STATES.

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AT A MEETING OF THE *BOARD OF DIRECTORS,*

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Under the head of POLITICS, will be given, all the public papers of the United States; a regular liſt of appointments, and whatever may be neceſſary to the Political hiſtory of the period. It will alſo contain the arguments offered by the advocates and opponents of every public meaſure of conſequence in the National Legiſlature.

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1. The *National Magazine* ; or *Cabinet of the United States*, will be publiſhed in weekly numbers, conſiſting of twenty four pages of good medium paper, printed on a fair type, of a proper ſize.

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J. LYON respectfully acknowledges the liberality of his former patrons; and regrets the imperiousness of those circumstances which compelled him to suspend his publications; but is happy in having been instrumental in establishing a Company whose publications it is hoped will much more than fill that place in society which was occupied by those he formerly edited. A copy of the first number of this publication will be addressed to each of the former subscribers to the *National Magazine* and the *Cabinet*; and they are respectfully invited to transfer to it their support. The subsequent numbers will not be sent until the gentlemen to whom the first is directed, shall have signified their intention of continuing their support, either to some Agent of the Company, or transmitted, post paid, to their Office, City of Washington. Those who have paid in advance for his publications, to have been issued subsequent to the 4th of March last, will have the amount credited by the Company.

October 21, 1801.

HAVING been appointed by the Commissioners of the Bankrupt Law of the United States, Assignee to the Estate of JAMES LYON, *I request all those indebted to him for subscriptions to his publications, or otherwise, to make payment as soon as convenient, by transmitting the same, post paid, in the mail, or depositing it in the hands of any of the Agents of the* Washington Printing and Bookselling Company. *Those who have not received their full compliment of the* National Magazine, *may expect their numbers transmitted in a few days. Those who have any of the effects of said* LYON *in their possession, are notified to deliver them to me or my order only.*

R. DINMORE.

Washington City, Oct 20, 1801.

☞ THE Editor of this work fears that the Political Department of this and one or two following Magazines, will appear dull and unintereſting to many of the subscribers: he however flatters himself that when they consider it is essential to the plan of the work to give a detail of the State Papers from the 4th of March, its patrons will rather look forward to the value they will be of at some future period, than the information they may afford at present. A very full account of the new Census will be given as soon as all the returns are made, as well as Presidential appointments, and the names of the Members of Congress.

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LITERARY NOTICES.

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WASHINGTON CITY.

OCT. 22, 1801.

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On Wednesday the 30th ult. came on in the Circuit Court for the county of Washington, the cause of *Forrest* v *Hanson*. This was an action brought by the plaintiff against the defendant, for charging him with being a Liar and a Swindler: counsel for the plaintiff, Messrs Gant, Lee and Dennis; for the defendant Messrs Jones, Symmes and Sprigg. The testimony and pleading fully occupied the Court until Thursday the 8th instant, when the jury retired, and the next day gave a verdict for the plaintiff of *one cent* damages. [*National Intelligencer.*

As this long trial has attracted so much of the public attention, we shall mention a few additional circumstances:—After the jury had been some time withdrawn, the Court sent to know if they were agreed—the answer was NO:—the Court then sent to enquire if there was any point of law about which they had doubts, and wished for the instruction of the court: whereupon the Jury came down, and the following question was asked—"Does a breach of trust, accompanied by falsehoods, amount to swindling? Judge Marshall replied—NO. Mr. Jones said he would take an exception to the opinion of the Court upon that point—He then required the Court to instruct the Jury upon a point of law. Judge Marshall said the Jury had not asked for such instructions, and peremptorily ordered the Jury to withdraw—Mr. Jones declared he would state in his Bill of Exception, the refusal of the Court to instruct the Jury. The Judge said his motion had not been in time, as the Jury had retired before it was made. The counsel replied, "I will make oath that my motion was begun before you ordered the Jury to retire. A rule has been moved for a new trial on the above case.

MEDICAL LECTURES

In the University of Pennsylvania will commence on the first Monday in Nov.

Tristam Dalton, Thomas Tingey, Thomas Peter, of Washington city; John T. Mason, W. H. Dorsey, John Dunlap, Joseph Carlton, of George-town; Wm. Oxley, and J. C. Vowel, of Alexandria, are chosen Directors of the Branch Bank of the U. S. about to be established in this city.

Sir J. Sinclair, a Member of the English Parliament, lately transmitted to the National Institute at Paris, thro' the medium of Citizen Otto, the outline of a plan to be followed in experimental farms, and to fix the progressive improvements of Agriculture. The work has been wholly approved on the report of Citizen Cels, and ordered to be printed and published at their expence.—*Moniteur.*

The friends of Representative Democracy in Philadelphia have carried by a large majority their Senator, Members of Assembly, Select Council, and County Commissioners. Henry Pratt is elected President of the Select Council, and Thomas Leiper, of the Common Council of Philadelphia.

It was determined that Boulogne should be the first port attacked, because it is one of the depots for the numerous bomb vessels and gun boats which the French have been so long collecting: But Boulogne is not very accessible to attack. It is what is called a tide port. At low water it is nearly dry, and can only be entered at high water. There is besides a bank of sand off said harbor, which almost covers it. This bank may be passed on two sides, the North and South, in two and an half and three fathoms water.

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